

[54] **SURGICAL APPARATUS FOR CLOSING WOUNDS**

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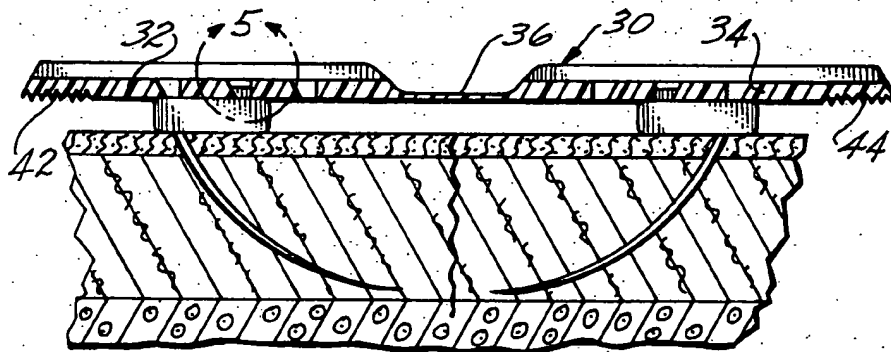
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

There is described apparatus for repairing lacerations or closing surgical incisions by means of a pair of carrier strips on which are mounted a plurality of curved stylets that can be inserted into the tissue on either side of the wound. A combined applicator, fastener, and bandage is used to grip a strip during insertion of the stylets into the tissue and then used as a strap connecting the two strips together to draw the carrier strips together on either side of the wound, so as to close the wound and at the same time act as a dressing for covering the wound.

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